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Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Mr. James Ndirangu **Waweru** (Kenya)

1. On 8 June 2015, the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a credentials committee consisting of the following nine States parties: Albania, Barbados, Cyprus, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay and Singapore.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 10 June 2015 and elected Mr. James Ndirangu Waweru (Kenya) as Chair by acclamation.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 10 June 2015, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the twenty-fifth Meeting.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 81 States participating in the twenty-fifth Meeting: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, State of Palestine, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-fifth Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from

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ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 50 States participating in the twenty-fifth Meeting: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Benin, Cabo Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe.

6. In addition, as noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives had also been received from the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

7. The Committee took note of the statement by the representative of Singapore in which the delegation reserved its position relating to the State of Palestine pursuant to its explanation of vote delivered after the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 67/19 (see A/67/PV.44).

8. The Chair proposed the adoption of a draft resolution to the effect that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Committee, taking into account the above reservation, accepted the proposal of the Chair without a vote, on the understanding that the credentials would continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure.

9. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee should recommend to the twenty-fifth Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twenty-fifth Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twenty-fifth Meeting the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-fifth Meeting will continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting, in accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure.